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AID FOR BROOKE.

The War Department
Thinks He Needs a
Cabinet.

ACCUMULATION OF TAXES.

Revenue Cutter Service Recommended
for the Island—Rapid Growth
of Our Merchant Marine Dur-
ing the Past Year.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The war department has come to the conclusion that it will be necessary to afford General Brooke, the military governor of Cuba, the assistance of a special cabinet, approaching in its functions the late autonomous cabinet in the administration of civil affairs in the island. It has not been decided whether the cabinet, when appointed, shall be made up of army officers, specially detailed, or whether civilians shall be called on.

One of the most difficult questions to be solved at short notice by the war department relates to the collection of taxes. The importance of this subject will be understood from the statement submitted to the department, which places the amount of taxes now due and uncollected at \$1,700,000, while by the end of the fiscal year they will amount to four millions. Two methods for solving this problem are under consideration. The first is to appoint an army officer, probably from the paymaster's department, who will have charge of the collection; the second is to continue, temporarily at least, the plan followed by the Spanish government, which had a contract with the Bank of Havana to collect the amount agreed upon, authorizing the bank to levy an additional five per cent, to defray the cost of such collection. This bank has branches in every province of the island, with a thoroughly organized staff of collectors.

Captain Shoemaker, chief of the revenue cutter service, has made his report to Secretary Gage, in which he urges the necessity of a revenue cutter service in Porto Rico, and recommends the construction of two boats, to cost from \$165,000 to \$175,000 each. One of these boats should be stationed at San Juan and the other at Ponce. He says that owing to the prevailing conditions these vessels should be built on different lines from those now in service. He also recommended that a coaling station be established at Guanica. During a recent trip, Captain Shoemaker visited Santiago and other Cuban ports, and says that several cutters will be required to enforce laws against smuggling in Cuba.

The total steam and sail vessels built and officially numbered in the United States during the six months ended today, amounts to 130,000 gross tons, compared with 45,000 tons for the like six months in 1897, and 113,000 tons in 1896. These figures do not include large barges. They indicate the total construction for the current fiscal year of upwards of 275,000 gross tons. None of the steam tonnage built has been for foreign trade, except four steamships under postal contract for the Jamaica service. Four foreign built steamships of 26,000 tons have been registered by act of Congress, and three foreign built steamships of 7,000 tons, formerly Spanish, were registered during the six months just ended.

Adjutant General Corbin says he has no expectation of hearing from General Otis, respecting the situation at Iloilo, before Sunday night.

THE PLUNGER HEARD FROM.

He May Get Tired of Mexico and Come Back Home.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]
ABILENE, Kan., Dec. 31.—Grant G. Collett, the departed cattle plunger, has written several letters here. In one lengthy communication he gives the story of his cattle deals, his profits and losses. He says: "I may get tired of Mexico soon and come home." The letters were mailed on the railroad near the Mexican border.

RECRUITING STOPPED.

The Seventeenth Infantry Will Go to the Philippines.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]
COLUMBUS, Dec. 31.—All recruiting parties of the Seventeenth infantry were ordered home today, all companies having been recruited to their full strength. The regiment will leave here for the Philippines with twelve companies of 106 men each, and 30 officers. All ordinance for the regiment is here, including tents, but half of the men are recruits without uniforms.

THE EXPLOSION AT RED KEY.

Destruction of One of the Finest Plants in the Country.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

PORTLAND, Ind., Dec. 31.—With a roar which was heard fifteen miles away, and a flash of fire which rose a hundred feet high and lighted the entire country for miles around, the twelve-inch line leading from the Ohio and Indiana Pipe Line Company's immense gas station, one mile south of Red Key, burst today. A few seconds later the entire structure was in flames and the fire raged until the building was destroyed. The pumping station compressed the gas which went through the lines to Lima, Piqua, Dayton and many other Ohio towns and cities, as well as a few in Indiana, and was erected at a heavy expense, being equipped with powerful batteries of boilers and immense engines and compressors. It was one of the most complete of its kind in existence. Three years ago the same station was wrecked by an explosion of natural gas, when two men were killed and the loss was close to one hundred thousand dollars. The burning of the pumping station has caused great inconvenience and suffering along the line.

KANSAS AGAINST ROBERTS.

The Senate Unanimous in Instructing the State's Congressmen.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 31.—The Senate today adopted, by a unanimous vote, a resolution requesting the Kansas representatives in congress to use their utmost endeavors to prevent the seating of B. H. Roberts, of Utah, as a member of the next House. A similar resolution was introduced in the House this afternoon, but went over under the rules.

NEEDS BLAST FURNACES.

Youngstown Owners Watching the Federal Steel Company.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

CLEVELAND, Dec. 31.—The development of the Federal Steel Company is being watched keenly by the owners of blast furnaces in the Mahoning and Shenango valleys. They believe some furnaces in that region will be bought by the company for the reason that it has not now sufficient furnace capacity for its immense steel mills.

A LARGE INCREASE.

Customs and Revenue Receipts Higher Than for Years.

Only Seven Times in the History of the Country Have the Receipts Exceeded Four Hundred Millions.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The forthcoming statement of government receipts and expenditures will show that during the half year ending today receipts aggregated \$245,961,000 against \$207,760,374 for the same last year. According to treasury records, these receipts are the largest since 1866, when they reached \$558,032,620 for the entire fiscal year, and \$490,654,010 in 1867. Except these two years the receipts never before in the history of the country exceeded \$400,000,000, and only seven times have they ever reached \$400,000,000. Receipts from customs during the six months amounted to \$96,045,839, as compared with \$92,250,021 for a like period last year. For the month of December, customs receipts aggregated \$16,764,325, which was the highest point reached under the present Dingley law, and the largest for December since 1888, when it was \$16,900,000. The receipts from internal revenue sources amounted during December to \$22,621,319, the largest since the war of the rebellion. The total for December was \$41,104,394.

ASSIGNMENTS IN THE NAVY.

Admiral Schley Will Probably Have Charge of the European Station.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Incident to the redistribution of the vessels of the navy and the revival of the stations abandoned just before the outbreak of the war, Secretary Long is giving his attention to the assignment of commanding officers to duty. Today he announced that he had decided to make Commodore Picking commandant of the Boston navy yard, and Commodore Philip, late commander of the battleship Texas, commandant of the navy yard at New York. Captain Kempf, late of the Monterey, has been selected as naval governor of the island of Guam, our new possession in the Ladrones group. It has not been decided what disposition will be made of Admirals Schley and Howell, though both will be given command of squadrons. It is said that Admiral Schley expects to be assigned to the European station.

WITH COL. BRYAN,

And a Free Trade and
Free Silver Platform

DEMOCRACY WILL WIN.

Dare Not Specify the Ratio Between
Silver and Gold, Nor Attempt to
Fix a Schedule of Tariff
Rates.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Ex Judge S. P. McConnell, one of the Illinois delegates at large at the national Democratic convention of 1896, delivered an address before the Monticello club which caused a good deal of talk among the local Democrats, particularly in view of the fact that he has been a close political associate of ex-Governor John P. Altgeld. The speaker began by quoting these declarations of the club: "We oppose all trusts and monopolies, in order that wealth may not gain an undue advantage, and competition may be free and untrammelled among the people." "We oppose the single gold standard and favor the restoration of bi-metalism, regardless of the action or desire of any other nation." He said in part: "These two declarations, in my judgment, are expressive of the great wisdom of the Democratic party. I am inclined, however, to believe that the first included, however, and that war against monopolies and trusts means war against the single gold standard. If the contest is to be waged intelligently, I am certain, too, that the first declaration requires and means hostility to protective tariff laws. In fact, it was under the encouragement of these laws, that trusts and combinations encroaching upon free competition came into existence. Even after all that has been said against combinations, trusts and monopolies, I am far from being convinced that the great body of people adequately appreciate the peril to their worldly welfare springing from these vast aggregations of capital, which are gradually absorbing and controlling the industrial activities of the country. Thousands who voted for Mr. McKinley in 1896 are ready to join in the campaign to be waged against trusts, combinations and monopolies. They only need evidence that we will fight effectively. There is but one plank in the platform of 1896 which prevents these thousands being openly and aggressively with us. They do not believe in the remonetization of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 of gold. They regard it as even less defensible now than two years ago. The question for us to consider is whether we are showing a due appreciation of the relative importance of issues when we seem to be willing to run the peril of repeating the experience of 1896 rather than to modify our proposition regarding the ratio between silver and gold.

"To my mind, the 16 to 1 proposition has always savored something of superstition, and I have come to believe that the best friends of bi-metalism are not those who refuse to have it except upon this condition. I should begin to be skeptical of their value as opponents of monopoly if they persist that it must be fought only in connection with these radical demands for restoration of silver at a value it had more than a quarter of a century ago. With aggressive declarations in the platform of 1900 against trusts and monopolies, and against their great allies and supports, the gold standard and protective tariff, without insisting on any particular value for silver in the plan for its remonetization, or particular schedule for a revenue tariff, with the same great leader, Bryan, for its candidate, the Democratic party will be assured of success, and the people, through its victory, will be assured of the blessings of healthy competition, freedom in trade and honest money."

INDIANA COAL MINERS.

Delegates Instructed to Ask for an Increase of Ten Cents.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

TERRE HART, Ind., Dec. 31.—The miners of the state are holding meetings today to instruct their delegates to the national convention which is to meet at Pittsburgh on January 10. Some of these meetings are local lodges and others are mass meetings of men from several mines. The miners generally are in favor of trying to get an advance from 66 cents per ton in bituminous mines and from 76 cents in the Clay county block coal field, but at the same time it seems the belief that an increase can be secured only after a bitter struggle. Delegates will be instructed to make a demand for an increase of ten cents per ton.

New York—Harvard won the inter-collegiate chess contest. Columbia second.

THE CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

The Last Session of 1898 was Comparatively Quiet.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The last session of '98 on 'Change was marked by moderate activity in all markets, with comparatively insignificant changes in prices. Heavy outside buying and prospects of a good visible decrease advanced wheat 1/2 to 1. Corn, on the other hand, declined 1/2, and oats closed a shade lower. Provisions were irregular.

THE MEAT WAS GOOD.

So Says Colonel Coit of the Fourth Ohio Volunteers.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

COLUMBUS, Dec. 31.—Colonel A. B. Coit, who commanded the Fourth Ohio in Porto Rico, stated today that he found nothing wrong with the canned meats furnished his troops. He ate both beef and corned beef, and found it palatable. Some of the cans were spoiled, but they had orders to discard any can that was swelled. Most of the cases of bowel trouble were caused by fresh beef, shipped from the United States.

HUNTING FOR CLUES.

Two Women Purchased Silver Match Holders.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Several silver match holders, similar to that sent to Harry Cornish, came to Chicago. Three were sold during the holidays, but the jewelry firms refuse to divulge the names of the purchasers. It is learned that two were sold to women and one to a man. The one sold to the man is still in his possession. According to the firm selling the match holders, the women purchasers are well known and could not possibly have had any connection with the poisoning of Mrs. Adams.

A PROCLAMATION.

General Brooke Tells the Cubans What He is There For.

The Stars and Stripes Wave Over Old Morro Castle—The Cubans are Quiet and Their Indignation is Subsiding.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

HAVANA, Dec. 31.—A proclamation will be issued by Major General Brooke, military governor of Cuba, to the people of the island tomorrow. It is as follows: "Coming among you as the representative of the President of the United States, in the furtherance and continuance of the humane purpose with which my country interfered to put an end to the distressing conditions of this island, I deem it proper to say that the object of the President of the United States is to give protection to the people, security to property, restore confidence, to encourage the people to resume the pursuits of peace, to rebuild the waste plantations and to resume commercial traffic. To this end the efforts of the United States will be directed, and every possible provision will be made to carry out these objects through the channels of civil administration, although under military control."

The arsenal here was occupied by the Americans today, and Morro Castle and Cabanas, according to agreement, were turned over to them last night.

The city is quiet this evening, and Cuban indignation against the Americans for forbidding demonstrations on Sunday is subsiding. There has been no disorder today, and General Brooke is confident that the day will pass peacefully. An order was issued by the military governor today, assuming control of the Spanish telegraph and telephone lines.

SUFFERING FROM COLD.

Hundreds of Families Without Fires in their Homes.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

WAPAKONETA, Jan. 1.—St. Mary, Colima, Colima, Ft. Recovery and a number of other towns along the natural gas pipe line, on which service has been suspended owing to the explosion at Red Key, are probably worse off than this city, as their reserve fuel is not so great as here. Hundreds have had no warm meal since breakfast yesterday, and will have none until Monday at the earliest. The supply of coal and wood is not nearly equal to the demand, and many people have gone to bed to keep warm.

S. A. Fackler, editor of the Micanopy (Fla.) Hustler, with his wife and children, suffered terribly from the grip. One Minute Cough Cure was the only remedy that helped them. It acted quickly. Thousands of others use this remedy as a specific for the grip, and its exhausting after effects. Rider & Snyder.

NO INFORMATION

Given Out as to the Filipino Proclamation.

CABLED TO GENERAL OTIS

The Administration Believed It Would Serve to Prevent Hostilities Between Aguinaldo's Followers and the Americans.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—After full consideration of the subject, the authorities here have decided to adhere to their original intention to withhold from publication the proclamation to be addressed to the Filipinos by General Otis, military commander of the islands, until the document has been given publicity at Manila.

The proclamation is very long, going into details as to the conditions existing in the islands, and culminating as far as possible at this time the intentions of the administration at Washington towards the people of the archipelago.

Tag key note is the strong intimation conveyed that the whole future happiness and welfare of the islanders depends upon their conduct now. The proclamation was prepared with great care, was thoroughly discussed by the Cabinet, and then mailed to General Otis. That was about a week ago. Recent events, however, made Secretary Alger believe that the situation in the Philippines might be relieved of the strain to a considerable degree by the speedy announcement of the purpose of the United States, and the entire proclamation, four days ago, was cabled to General Otis. This was very costly, but it is believed that it was fully warranted, in the hope that it might avert a threatened clash between the American forces and the Filipinos.

Secretary Long today ordered 800 sailors, volunteers who enlisted for the war, to be mustered out. Only two hundred volunteers are now left in the service. The department made this order reluctantly, for the effect will be to compel many of the vessels to be put out of commission at a time when they are needed.

AFTER THE GAMBLERS.

Officials of Louisville Scored by the Grand Jury.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 31.—The December grand jury today returned a report in which Mayor Charles P. Weaver was taken severely to task for his inactivity in the matter of suppressing gambling in Louisville. The report also called for the recognition of certain members of the board of public safety, which body has direct control of the police force of the city, saying that they should "make way for men who would enforce the law. The lottery and pool rooms are closed, and prize fighting has been stopped, but a merry-go-round race track will be constructed here within the next thirty days, and pools will be sold there."

OBITUARY NOTICE.

J. ALLEN KELLEY.

J. Allen Kelley, aged 51 years, a patient at the Massillon state hospital, was taken suddenly ill Saturday morning and died at 5:30 o'clock Saturday night. The body will be taken to East Liverpool on Monday. The deceased was a former resident of that city. He was unmarried, his only relative being a brother in East Liverpool. Kelley had been insane for eighteen years. He was transferred to this institution from the Cleveland hospital.

A Well Grown Cal.

John H. Fisher, who resides near Brush College, west of town, asks The Independent to announce that he has a calf ten weeks old which weighs 230 pounds. It is said that there has never been another like it.

Horrible agony is caused by piles, burrs and skin diseases. These are immediately relieved and quickly cured by Dr. Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. Beware of worthless imitations. Rider & Snyder.

"Itching hemorrhoids were the plague of my life. Was almost wild. Doan's Ointment cured me quickly and permanently, after doctors had failed." C. F. Cornwell, Valley Street, Saugerties, N. Y.

The smallest thing may exert the greatest influence. Dr. Witt's Little Early Risers are unequalled for overcoming constipation and liver trouble. Small pill, best pill, safe pill. Rider & Snyder.

Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup seems especially adapted to the needs of the children. Pleasant to take; soothing in its influence; it is the remedy of all remedies for every form of throat and lung disease.

Paul Perry, of Columbus, Ga., suffered agony for thirty years, and then cured his Piles by using Dr. Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. It heals injuries and skin diseases like magic. Rider & Snyder.

DEMONSTRATIONS PROHIBITED

Only the Captain General and Staff in Havana After Sunday.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

HAVANA, Dec. 31.—All demonstrations are absolutely prohibited tomorrow on account of fears of trouble. Companies of the Fourth Virginia regiment are encamped upon the plaza at Cabanas forts and Morro Castle, with Spanish anti-riot troops. The Spanish anti-riot troops have been withdrawn to six blocks embracing the Capatzen ward, residence of the military governor and the barracks. The embarkation of these troops aboard the Cuban battleship and Stutzart will be postponed until Monday morning, leaving Captain General Castelar and staff of fifteen under the protection of the Americans. The same of command is heard in the palace, naming of the cases containing the papers, books and effects of the captain general. The anti-riot troops are stationed with pistols and other articles. Senator Burrows, of New York, arrived here today on the steamer Massachusetts. The Spanish government was played forty times this afternoon, and the camp of General Lee's troops, preparatory to the expedition tomorrow.

FEARS ARE GROUNDFLESS.

No Knowledge Here of Porto Rican Plantations Being Destroyed.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

BERTIN, Dec. 31.—The Hamour chamber of commerce, in its annual report, expressed the hope that Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine islands will be opened to the commerce of the world on equal conditions, like the German and British colonies. In view of the reports from Porto Rico that numerous plantations have been destroyed since the Spaniards retired, the chamber requests the imperial government to ask the United States to take such steps as will afford protection to German property, which is considerable there.

SENATORIAL FIGHT ON.

Albert Pack Will Make a Strong Effort to Succeed Burrows.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

LANSING, Dec. 31.—The contest for the seat in the United States Senate now occupied by Senator Burrows was given a fresh impetus tonight by the arrival of both candidates. Senator Burrows and Albert Pack. The legislative session begins Wednesday. The Republican caucus will be held Wednesday night, and the election takes place Thursday. Governor Pingree and the state officials support Pack.

COMMERCIAL TREATY.

One Will Be Negotiated Between this Country and Switzerland.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

BORNE, Switzerland, Dec. 31.—After protracted negotiations the United States government has agreed to grant to Switzerland the of privileges the new special reciprocity agreement between the United States and France. The Washington government proposes to negotiate a special commercial treaty with Switzerland.

AN OLD RESIDENT.

Clement Russell Celebrates His Eighty-First Birthday.

Clement Russell is today quietly celebrating his eighty-first birthday, at his residence in East Tremont street. Mr. Russell is in perfect health and although totally blind at present, expects to have an operation performed very soon which will permanently remove the cataracts now obscuring his sight. During the sixty-one years of his residence in Massillon Mr. Russell has seen many changes in the city and its vicinity. "I have seen the population of the town grow from 1,200 to 13,000," said Mr. Russell to a representative of The Independent. "I am the man that was on the stage of action in the first years of my residence here, nearly all passed away. Sixty years ago I was an apprentice of any one was that of James Duncan, now owned by F. L. Bader, and the property now owned by the James Baders heirs. There were very few buildings east of East street to what was then called Massillon and they were of primitive dimensions. There were no schools but private schools, and but two churches, the Baptist and Presbyterian. The principal business of the town was derived from the purchase and hauling of wheat. The only manufacturers were a woolen mill and two tanneries.

Mr. Russell says that the growth of the town has been slow but permanent, and that its intellectual progress has been more rapid than its increase in population. He thinks that the city today compares favorably with any in Ohio. Regarding the present prosperity of the county and the indications for the future, Mr. Russell says that the history of the past eighteen months has clearly demonstrated the position which is to be assumed by the United States in relation to the other great powers of the world.

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LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE NO. 11.

FARMERS' TELEPHONE NO. 80.

MONDAY, JANUARY 2 1899

The savings banks of Cleveland have reduced the rate of interest on loans to 5 per cent. This lowering of rates of interest will enhance the price of land. Now let the farmers smile.

Considering the extraordinary change which has so recently occurred in the government of Cuba, it seems wonderful that there have not been even greater exhibitions of lawlessness and disorder than those reported by the American authorities. There is little doubt that a good police force, organized under the American system, will soon effect vast changes in conditions at Havana.

Recent reports of German trade conditions show that there has been a gain of more than 50 per cent in American imports of manufactures into that country, compared with the imports of British manufactures. This, in connection with the loud complaints made by the British exporters about growing German competition, conclusively demonstrates that American manufacturers are making rapid headway in the markets of continental Europe.

Congressman-elect B. H. Roberts announces that if the time comes when it is necessary for him to defend himself he will be right there on the spot, and furthermore that he is relying upon what he is pleased to term the liberal broad-mindedness of the American people to allow him to take his seat in Congress. It remains to be seen in what manner this liberal broad-mindedness will respond to Mr. Roberts' appeal, and whether the sacredness of American homes—the strength of the American nation—is to be imperiled in order that he may retain the glorious hope of resting forever in Abraham's bosom.

Russia appears to be actively engaged in undoing the work done by emperor William in Constantinople. The Russian Grand Duke Nicholas arrived there on December 16 with the mission to "draw closer the ties of friendship binding the two countries," and during his stay took part in the religious service in the Russian chapel at which representatives of all the Balkan states were present. This fact is considered significant, as these are the half Russianized principalities, Roumania, Bulgaria, Servia and Montenegro, which are counted upon by Russia to be on her side in case of trouble in the East.

The new year, which opens so auspiciously for Massillon in many ways, promises nothing from which there is likely to be derived more substantial and lasting benefit than the valuable institution which will be thrown open tomorrow to the citizens of Massillon—the McClymonds public library. It is needless to say that the value of the great gifts which have been made to the city will be appreciated more and more as time goes on, and meantime nothing will be more gratifying to the trustees and others whose efforts have been directed toward bringing the library to its present state of completion than a continued and appreciative use by the citizens of the privileges which are now theirs.

The disappointment of the Cubans at not being allowed to participate in the evacuation day exercises in Havana on January 1, and thus celebrate the event for which they have fought for so many years to bring about, is easily understood, but at the same time any hasty condemnation of General Brooke's order should be withheld by those who are unable to properly understand the reasons which caused its promulgation. From the utter lawlessness and contempt of authority which has hitherto been exhibited by the insurgents, it can be seen that the presence of large numbers in the city on New Year's day would make it extremely difficult, if not impossible, to preserve order, and that the guarantee of General Gomez, although given in good faith, goes for very little, in the light of past experience. The gratification of the Cuban soldiers in being allowed to march into Havana with banners waving would not compensate for the possible destruction of property and general lawlessness which, under these circumstances, would doubtless prevail in the city. The Cubans will have their jubilee later, and in the meantime, although it may be impossible to prevent an expression of feeling from the more excitable and ignorant of Havana's lower districts, the higher class residents should realize the utter injustice of any combination against the Americans, whose policy up to the present time has been for the good of Cuba and the Cubans. The fact that the Cuban patriotic committee, consisting of one hundred and fifty leading citizens, has already issued a manifesto approving General Brooke's decision, serves to show that the obligation to allay public feeling against the American administration is recognized by the more intelligent and representative Cubans.

The History of a Year.

The year 1898, which has been one of great importance in the history of the nation, has been productive of many changes and occurrences in Massillon and its vicinity. The following chronological story will recall some of the most important of these events.

JANUARY

On January 1 an unsuccessful attempt was made to rob the C. L. & W. ticket office. On the 2d THE INDEPENDENT newsboys enjoyed their annual dinner at the Hotel Sailer. Jacob Honick's barn on Prue street was burned to the ground, on January 3d, and on the same day, Darley Flickinger brought suit against Frank C. Brown for \$10,000 damages for the loss of an eye, caused by alleged carelessness on the part of Mr. Brown during a hunting expedition. Sexton Merrell's annual report presented on the 5th showed that there were 113 interments in the Massillon cemetery in 1897. J. J. Wise started the subscription to raise funds for securing a new trial for George Koons on the 6th and on the same day the Massillon Red Spring Company was incorporated with a capital stock of \$10,000. On the 10th a large delegation of Massillonians attended a meeting of Stark county Republicans held in Canton, for the purpose of expressing emphatic disapproval and protest against the manner in which John P. Jones represented his constituents in the senatorial contest. On the same date Prof. E. A. Jones slipped on an icy pavement and broke his leg. On the 11th John P. Jones' treachery was made known, and the next day Mr. Hanna was elected Senator. W. D. Ratchford was re-elected president of the United Mine Workers of America on the 13th on which date also Per Lee Snively and Edgar Seeley placed themselves under the care of Dr. Dowie, the faith curist, of Chicago. The Albrecht-Dimon wedding occurred on the 19th. On the 24th James Bayless was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Stark county board of elections, occasioned by the death of W. H. Snyder, of Canton, and Joseph Harron, aged 40 years, was caught in a wind storm and died of exhaustion on the switch leading to the Pocock mine. The death of Mrs. Martha Jane Martin occurred on the 29th and that of Mrs. Eva Heyman on the 31st; both were old residents of Stark county.

FEBRUARY

Dr. Albert A. Hallowell had an exciting experience with highwaymen on February 1. On February 2 an ordinance defining the duties of the city engineer, and fixing his salary at \$1,200, was passed by the city council. J. C. Gerwig was re-elected superintendent of the Stark county workhouse on February 3. The death of David Kerstetter occurred on February 6, and that of Edward Kachler on February 7; both men were old and well known residents of Massillon. On February 9, 4,100 bushels of wheat were delivered at the local mills. The death of A. P. Wiseman, aged 80 years, occurred on February 13. Burglars entered the Warwick residence, in East Main street, on February 14, but secured very little of value. February 16 was the date upon which Massillon, in common with the rest of the world, was startled by the news of the blowing up of the Maine. On this date also H. V. Kramer, of the city council, revealed an attempt at bribery made by the New York Fire Hose Company. Mrs. Ada Houghton began suit against the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway on February 17 to recover damages for the loss of her husband, Jesse Houghton. On the 20th the Massillon postoffice was completely wrecked by an explosion of dynamite, and stamps and valuable mail matter stolen. The annual reunion of the Massillon Masonic fraternity occurred on the 22d. W. J. Piero was arrested on suspicion of being implicated in the Massillon postoffice robbery on the 23d. On the 28th E. G. Willison began suit against the Canton-Massillon Electric Railroad Company to recover \$3,000 damages, forfeited through the failure of the company to extend the line to Navarre.

MARCH

On March 1 the hearing of W. J. Piero came to an end, his bond being fixed at \$2,000 for his appearance in the United States district court. A service was held in St. Joseph's church in memory of the men who perished in the Maine disaster. On this date also Frederick Fredericks was terribly injured by being run over by a Pennsylvania railroad train. On March 3 the Democrats caucused without the usual fighting, and selected candidates from the full list at their disposal. On the 5th Dr. A. B. Richardson was appointed superintendent of the Massillon state hospital and Dominick Tyler, of Canton, who pleaded guilty to two indictments for forgery, was sentenced to two years in the Ohio penitentiary. Peter Fuchs's death occurred on this date. Charles L. Frantz secured the nomination for the mayoralty of Massillon on the 12th. On the 15th the ticket for the Republican primary election was completed with Jacob J. Wise at its head. Burglars succeeded in getting into the Goodhart residence in East Main street on March 16 and possessed themselves of various articles of wearing apparel. The Republican primary election occurred on the 19th. On the 23d the Tuscarawas river and adjacent streams overflowed their banks, beginning one of the most destructive floods that has visited this vicinity in years. Samuel Miller, a wealthy farmer

of Stark county, and Edgar Seeley died on the 25th. On the 28th William Holt attacked his wife with a razor and then disappeared from town. On this date also a conference between a committee of Massillon district operators and representatives of the local branch of the United Mine Workers of America, resulted in a practical agreement on all matters relative to prices for dead work. The death of George Young, aged 81 years, an old and respected citizen, occurred on the 29th.

APRIL

On April 1st the miners of the Massillon district went on a strike, the bone of contention being the Saturday half-holiday, which the miners refused to give up. The election on April 4 resulted in a sweeping Republican victory. Jacob J. Wise being the winning candidate for mayor. On April 6 the miners and operators came to an agreement, and work was resumed at all the mines in the Massillon district. The fifteen-months-old son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Digel scalded his arm and neck with hot coffee on the morning of the 8th, sustaining a shock from which it subsequently died Easter Sunday, which fell upon the 10th, was celebrated with appropriate services in all the churches. On the 12th the Massillon mines again became idle: this time the trouble was over the screens, the miners claiming that by the use of a new screen, which should have been adopted April 1, they would be able to make more than before. The organization of the new city council was effected on the 13th, Robert Reay being elected to succeed President Brown. On the 14th and 15th the Amateur Minstrels held forth to crowded houses. On the 17th lightning struck the prospective residence of Dr. A. B. Richardson, in the hospital grounds, and the fire was completely consumed. On the 20th fire destroyed \$10,000 worth of property in the heart of East Greenville. On the 21st Massillon learned that war between this country and Spain was inevitable. A sacred concert, "Egypta," was given on the 22d for the benefit of St. Timothy's church. Massillon militia men began to prepare for an expected call to arms, and on the 25th Corporal Clark, with a squad of eight men, left for Columbus. On the same evening, Mayor Wise's police recommendations were confirmed by the council, after a stormy session. The wedding of Frank F. Taggart and Miss Lulu Reed occurred on the 27th.

MAY

On May 3 for the first time in the history of the town the police force had roll call at the mayor's office. On the 4th a conference of miners and operators was held for the purpose of adjusting the wage scale of the machine miners at the Woodland mine. The marriage of Miss Anna M. Gleitsman and John Austin occurred on May 5. On May 8 an excursion train to Columbus on the Ft. Wayne road was wrecked, several Massillonians miraculously escaping injury. Policeman T. Harvey Seaman resigned on the 10th, but was subsequently persuaded to withdraw his resignation. The Forepaugh & Sells Bros' circus showed in Massillon on the 12th, and during the street parade the Massillon Loan and Building Company's office was robbed of \$30. On the 16th the Jacoby bond ordinance was passed by the city council without a dissenting vote. The death of Mrs. Wilhelmina Hess occurred on the 17th. On the 18th Charles Oerel returned to the city after having had many exciting adventures in Alaska. An electrical storm on the 18th did much damage about the city and vicinity. On the 25th the Military and Harmonia bands were merged into one organization. On the 30th Memorial Day was fittingly observed, and an eloquent address was delivered at the Armory by the Rev. C. M. Roberts.

JUNE

On the 2d Frank Smith, aged 11 years, was drowned in the canal, and contracts for constructing the foundations for the office and superintendent's buildings were let by the trustees of the Massillon state hospital. On the 4th Mayor Wise began to talk about the Massillon free street fair, and a disastrous fire occurred at the Olson foundry and machine works. Thomas H. Masters died on the 6th. On this date the finance committee of the city council reported recommendations for the maintenance of the public library. On the 10th the first session of the annual convention of the Ohio district of the German Evangelical Synod of North America was held in St. John's church. On the afternoon of the same date a hail storm did serious damage about town. On the 11th the retail coal dealers of Cleveland were entertained by the Massillon district operators' association. Flag day was appropriately celebrated on the 14th. On the 15th the Rev. T. F. Mahon announced that he was about to resign the rectorship of St. Joseph's church. The centennial of Ohio Methodism was observed in the Massillon church on the 19th and on the same day the Rev. T. F. Mahon preached his farewell sermon at St. Joseph's. On the 20th the literary clubs of Massillon and Canton were entertained by Mrs. M. E. Warwick. On this date also the city council decided to order the removal of the hitching posts from the business portion of the city. On the 21st citizens met and organized the Massillon free street fair association. Edward Sibila and Miss Anna Paul were married

on the 22d and the high school class of '98 made its bow to the public. The Democrats held an uneventful primary election on the 25th. Diehl Brothers' stock was partially destroyed by fire on the 26th. Mrs. Mary H. Corns and Robert H. Day were married on the 29th, and on the 30th Mayor Wise decided not to issue the order for the removal of the hitching posts.

JULY

On the 1st, the board of equalization completed its labors, its report showing that additions made to personal property since the last report exceeded \$28,000. On this date also the fruit and confectionery store conducted by Charters Bros. was sold to George Falke. The 4th was enthusiastically celebrated by Massillon citizens: a flag raising at Reed & Company's plant was one of the successful features of the day. Mayor Wise provided each of his policemen with a club on the 5th, one of the many steps in the right direction. During the week ending at 12 o'clock on the 7th more water was consumed in the city than in any like period in the history of the Massillon Water Supply Company. Massillon churches observed the President's proclamation to make their services commemorative of the great achievements of the American army and navy on the 10th. James B. Phillips, an agent for the Prudential Life Insurance Company, died suddenly while making collections in the city on the 11th. On the 13th the county commissioners awarded contracts for constructing a new footbridge across the canal and river at the place where formerly swung the Wheeling & Lake Erie suspension bridge. On the 17th it was decided that St. Paul's parochial school should not be re-opened. The Rev. W. H. Shults announced his resignation as pastor of the First Reformed church on the 22d. On the 23d Russell & Co.'s employees raised one of the biggest flags ever seen in the state. Frederick Tschantz was killed by a Ft. Wayne limited mail train, and Stephen Williams met death while taking a nap on the C. L. & W. tracks on the 24th. The first meal at the Massillon hospital was served to the various employees on the 26th. The funeral of Leopold Kracker, who was mysteriously killed near Pittsburgh, took place on July 30th. Miss Maggie Froman was drowned at Turkeyfoot lake on the 31st.

AUGUST

The ordinance providing for the issue of bonds for the maintenance of the public library was passed by the city council on the 1st. On the 3d a thousand bushels of wheat were burned on the Shriver farm. Martin Siefert died very suddenly on the 9th. On the 10th Massillon retail grocers enjoyed their fifth annual picnic at Chippewa lake. W. C. Bryant disposed of his interest in the Hotel Conrad on the 11th. The boiler makers at Russell & Co.'s went on a strike on the 15th. Stahl Bros' slaughter house was destroyed by fire on the 17th. On the 18th the Massillon Mining Company was organized. A second flag raising took place at Russell & Co.'s plant on the 20th. During the latter part of the month several of the Massillon volunteers returned from the war.

SEPTEMBER

On the 6th the first patients arrived at the Massillon state hospital. On the same day Chester W. Humberger and William W. Graves returned to Massillon from Montauk Point. The proposition of the East Ohio Gas Company was first considered by the Massillon board of trade on the 8th. On the 15th the arrest of Joseph Greaves by Policeman McGuire resulted in a serious misunderstanding between Mayor Wise and a part of the police force. The Rev. Dr. G. B. Smith's appointment as presiding elder of the Canton district was announced on the 20th. Samuel C. Bowman, ex-mayor of Massillon, died on the same date at midnight. The great Massillon free street fair opened its gates to the public on the 21st, and one of the largest crowds ever seen on the thoroughfares of the city was in possession for the remainder of the week. The death of Miss Bertha Seaman occurred on the 22d. The Rev. Dr. Smith and the Rev. Wm. H. Shults preached their farewell sermons on the 25th. On the 26th Chester W. Humberger died, a victim of typhoid fever.

OCTOBER

The city council passed the ordinance granting a franchise to the East Ohio Gas Company on the 3d. On the 1th the Massillon Needlework Guild elected officers and arranged for the work of the coming winter. Members of the wholesale merchants' board of the Cleveland chamber of commerce visited Massillon on the 6th. George D. Saxton, of Canton, was shot by Mrs. Anna C. George on the 7th. Tammany hall held its fifth birthday celebration on the 11th. Timothy C. Putman, an old resident of Stark county died on the 12th. On the 14th the Massillon State Hospital was dedicated and formally presented to the state. Henry Specht was seriously burned at the rolling mill on the 19th. The Nill-Snyder wedding occurred on the 25th. On the 26th Congressman Taylor spoke to a Massillon audience at the Armory. During the latter part of the month an epidemic of diphtheria broke out in the city. The death of Edward Strobel occurred on the 29th.

NOVEMBER

Local Democrats held their only meeting of the fall campaign on the 2d. Albright & Breckel's grocery was badly damaged by fire on the 3d. On the same date two men were terribly injured by

an explosion at Graber's slaughter house, west of the city. The girls employed at the Central Union Telephone Company's exchange struck on the 7th. Stark county Republicans made a clean sweep at the election on the 8th. On the 11th news was received of the release of George Koons, once convicted of the murder of Henry Bonnebeck. Policeman Julius Wittmann caught a burglar in the act of robbing S. F. Weller's store on the night of the 13th. Miss Carrie Taggart and C. P. L. McLain were married on the 16th. On the 17th the Snyder-Hardgrove wedding took place. Richard Powell died on the 19th. On the 29th Officer Seaman resigned from the Massillon police force. The Rev. James Kuhn died at Cleveland on the 29th.

DECEMBER

Henry K. Ryder and Miss May Williams were married on the 1st. On the 5th the funeral of the Rev. James Kuhn was held from St. Mary's church. The first issue of the SUNDAY MORNING INDEPENDENT appeared on the 11th. On the 12th the first session of the Massillon miners' annual convention was held in the city. The first services were held in St. Timothy's new church on Christmas day. An epidemic of grip became prevalent in the city on the 25th.

THE COAL TRADE.

Coal operators are greatly dissatisfied with the amount of business transacted during the past year, for the net earnings in all cases were small, and some companies were on the losing side. Massillon operators were fortunate, however, when compared with those in the other parts of the state, for in several instances large firms were either driven to the wall or compelled to suspend operations. While there is ever a ready market for Massillon coal, the demand was proportionately less than usual last year. This the operators claim is due to the heavy shipments of the West Virginia non-union coal to the Northern markets, especially the lake trade.

West Virginia coal is mined for less than half the price paid by Ohio operators, and for steam purposes is probably as desirable as Ohio coal. But for this invasion of the markets heretofore supplied almost exclusively by Massillon mines, the year would have been an exceptional one. The prospects for 1899 are more favorable, providing differences arising from the anti-screen law are amicably adjusted at the January conference. The miners' organization is pushing the boycott against West Virginia, and have secured promises from many of the largest consumers that none but union mined coal shall hereafter be handled.

HOWELLS MINING COMPANY.

If we had had cars during the fall and had been able to compete with the West Virginia producers earlier in 1898, it would have been a fair year. But we were handicapped by circumstances. West Virginia took all our lake trade, because they could furnish the coal for less money. It is impossible to predict what will occur this year, but there are no special indications for us to build upon. We have two mines in operation, one at East Greenville and the other at Dalton. About two hundred men are employed. December was the best month we had in the entire year. Our men worked about twenty days during this month.

HIDGWAY BURTON CO.

Our coal and iron business has passed through 1898 without any serious interruptions on account of strikes. Our coal business has been greater in tonnage in 1898 than 1897, although the prices of coal have been lower in proportion to cost. In fact, coal sold to manufacturers and for lake trade has sold through 1898 at about the same price as 1897, while we have been paying the miners ten cents per ton more. This has been forced principally on account of the West Virginia miners being paid very much less for mining than has been paid in Ohio and Pennsylvania. This West Virginia coal has taken the place of Massillon coal for lake trade and manufacturing purposes to a very large extent. The iron business has been very regular and satisfactory throughout 1898. The output of pig iron in the United States in 1898 has been the largest ever produced, and for the first time have produced a greater number of tons than any other country. Notwithstanding this large output, the price of iron advanced through the month of December, thus showing the confidence of business men in the business outlook for 1899. We have opened two mines in the Massillon district this year, one in Jackson township and one near Clinton, Wayne county, both of which will be in good form to put out four hundred tons daily the coming year.

THE POCOCK MINES.

The aggregate output of the Elm Run, Pocock and Nutwood mines during the past year amounted to a ten per cent. increase over 1897. The prospects for the coming year are uncertain, for delays will be the consequence of a disagreement in the effort to establish rates under the anti-screen law. The general business outlook was an improvement over 1897, collections especially being much easier.

WARWICK INTERESTS.

Like most of the other coal companies, our lake trade has passed from us to the West Virginia operators, who can produce the coal cheaper than we can.

Otherwise it has been a very fair year. We have at present four mines in operation, two having been opened recently. Indications are favorable for 1899.

R. H. WAINWRIGHT'S INTERESTS.

Twelve mines are now operated by the several companies of which R. H. Wainwright is president and manager, and during the past year the aggregate output was 483,891 tons. Two mines were opened during the past year and one abandoned. Business was fully as good as it was in 1897, but prices were not received which should have been paid under the present mining rate. Last year the price of mining was advanced ten cents per ton, but a proportionate advance in the price of coal was not made.

CENTRAL COAL COMPANY.

This company was reorganized about six months ago, and now has a mine on the Mollit farm in operation. The coal is of the best Massillon quality, and is used only for domestic purposes. Mr. Sonnhalter has just returned from Cleveland, and he says that the demand there for this mine's coal is almost as great as the output. Seventy-five men are employed.

HESS COAL COMPANY.

The bulk of our coal is sold right here in Massillon, being brought to this city from Navarre on boats. During the winter months our mine worked steadily, but in the summer, naturally, domestic trade is not so good. We are satisfied, however, and are hopeful for the future. We employ twenty men.

CRYSTAL SPRING COAL COMPANY.

We had our share of the trade during 1898, and we are hopeful for good things this year.

ROSEMAN & DIEHM.

A satisfactory business was conducted last year, but the indications are that a more prosperous year has dawned. The demand for our steam hammer is increasing.

WEST SIDE BOILER WORKS.

The past year was a prosperous one, but this year gives promise of greater results.

MASSILLON SAND AND STONE COMPANY.

There was a satisfactory increase in the business of 1898 over the previous year, and the outlook for the coming season is bright. A. M. Wetter is manager of the company.

FIRES OF A YEAR.

What One Destructive Element did in Massillon in That Time.

THE WORST ON JUNE 5.

Eight More Calls were Received by the Massillon Firemen in 1898 Than in 1897—What Burned and the Names of the Owners.

The report which Fire Chief Andrew A. Burkle will shortly make to the city council will show that during 1898 the firemen responded to thirty-eight calls, just eight more than last year. Probably the most disastrous fire of the year was that which burned the Olson foundry on June 5. More calls were received in November than in any other month of the year. They were seven in number. It was during this month that the Albright & Breckel grocery store was damaged. The least number of calls was one, that of December, during which month the department was called to the residence of John Swihart to extinguish a small blaze on the roof.

A majority of the fires were not serious, in many cases the loss not being more than five or ten dollars. Following is a complete list of the names of the owners or occupants of the properties to which the firemen were summoned, arranged according to the months in which the fires took place.

January—Jacob Honick's barn, Prue street; Harmon Schriver home-stead, South Erie street; Ridenour residence, East Main street.

February—C. C. Cring's residence, South East street; Sailer Hotel, South Erie street; Taylor Clay block, West Main street.

March—Philip Gravius's residence, West Tremont street; rooms of Cycle club, South Erie street.

April—Mrs. Legrome's residence, North Summit street, state building, South Erie street.

May—W. & L. K. railway oil house, South Erie street; A. E. Hall, West Tremont's rect. Hemperly & Jacobs's hardware store.

June—Olson's foundry, South Canal street, lumber pile in Russell & Co.'s yard; barn at paper mill; S. W. Goudy's yard; Mrs. Floom's barns, East South street; Diehl Brothers' East Main street.

July—George Sheer's barn and George Reese's coal shed, Plum street; engine room at paper mill; Wm. Parker, South Erie street.

August—Mrs. Leonard Schmidt, Prospect; Fred. Grossweiler, East Leininger barn, Young street.

September—Box car at Neal's mill, South Canal; corn shock, Richville avenue; J. Schmal, Patagonia.

October—Heiman Bros' foundry, West street; Lucas's laundry and Eckroate's residence, North Erie; Reed & Co., South Canal.

November—Hoch & Myers, saloon, South Erie; Albright & Breckel, East Main; C. A. Conrad, Plum; James Myers, Jr., N. Hill; Curtis Wade, Plum; Brown Lumber Company's works, South Erie.

December—John Swihart's residence, Akron street.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Discovered this Week by Independent Investigators.

A. D. Williams, of Sherodsville is in the city.

Mrs. Ethie Barnaby is the guest of her parents in Alliance.

Aeron physicians estimate that there are one thousand cases of grip in that city.

Mrs. Daniel Kitchin and daughter are visiting Mrs. W. K. Sladden in Cleveland.

Fred Justus has secured a position in Cleveland and will depart for that city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Buchanan, of Chicago, are guests at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Brunner.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Dimon will go to Norwalk on Monday to attend the funeral of Dr. Dimon's niece.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Link, of Canal Dover, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Sinnock, in South Erie street.

Dr. Probst, secretary of the state board of health, reports two cases of genuine grip at New Lexington, Perry county.

H. H. Shull and daughter, of Argonia Kan., former residents of Stark county, are visiting H. W. Elsass, at 113 Duncan street.

S. C. Purches went to Alliance Saturday night, to join Mrs. Purches, who has been visiting in that city for some time.

The names of A. C. Martin and Frank Myers have been added to the Farmers' Telephone Company's list of subscribers. Call No. 180 and No. 117, respectively.

Charles Klotz, Mrs. Pfug, May Rodenberger, the Rev. J. M. Ditzel and Edna Ruth will lead the Christian Endeavor's meetings in the St. John's Evangelical church during January.

Miss Almada Bixler and George M. Welch, both of Navarre, were married at the residence of the officiating clergyman, the Rev. D. G. Davidson, at Navarre, on Wednesday, Dec. 23.

News has been received in Massillon of the death of Mrs. A. W. Stadler, of Cleveland, on Thursday. The funeral will take place on Monday. Mrs. Stadler was well known in this city.

Deputy State Game Warden Dangel-eisen has filed his report with the chief warden for the past quarter. He made twenty-two arrests for violations of the fish and game laws and in each case fines were imposed.

A farmer's telephone has been placed in the residence of L. W. Rose, 8 rings on 290. The number of Meyer's saloon and Francis Stroh's residence have been changed. Their calls are now No. 296, and No. 117 respectively.

The Rev. L. L. Broens, temporary rector of St. Mary's church, received notice from Bishop Horstmann, Saturday, that the late Father Kuhn's successor will arrive in Massillon on January 14. The name of the successor was not mentioned, and nobody in Massillon has the faintest idea as to who he will be.

The following subscribers have been added to the Bell telephone company's list: Mrs. H. F. Pocock, 397; Heran-court Brewing Company, 2-248; John Feigenschuh, 3-248; P. J. Staler, 339; Fred Petzer, 363; Eureka mines, 361. The line to J. S. Coxe's residence at Pauls is now a private one. His number is 369.

George Davis, of Sherodsville, who once lived in Massillon, and is very well known in this city, has had occasion to plead guilty to the charge of keeping his saloon open on Sunday quite frequently lately. The last time brought him a sentence of twenty days in jail and \$250 fine. This action was one of those brought by the Anti-Saloon League.

Davis was released from the Carroll county jail a few days ago.

This paper has been requested to again print the fact that it will cost no citizen of Massillon a single penny to take out any book in the McClymonds public library, to be opened on Monday. Despite the numerous explanations, a great many people seem to have the idea that only those who pay one dollar and join the association are entitled to this privilege. The books are there and all any reputable person has to do is to go after them.

H. E. Sinnock has been awarded the contract to transplant twenty-five trees, maples, elms and chestnuts, by the state hospital trustees. He has already placed five of the trees in the ground. Some of the trees are almost full grown, being from five to eight inches in diameter. In clearing the trees from their forest home it is necessary to carry three tons of earth with the roots. Already the state hospital grounds present an improved appearance, as there is nothing about the trees to indicate that they have not always been there.

Special Pension Examiner E. C. DePutin has been notified by the commissioner of pensions of changes in the Canton district. Mahoning county has been detached and added to the Warren district, operated by Special Examiner H. B. Ramsey. Wayne county has been detached from the district of Special Examiner F. L. Cowles at Mansfield and added to the Canton district, which will now be composed of Stark, Columbiana and Wayne counties, and will continue to be in charge of Mr. DePutin, with headquarters at Canton as heretofore.

La Grippe is again epidemic. Every precaution should be taken to avoid it. Its specific cure is One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Shepherd, publisher of the Agricultural Journal and Advertiser, Eldon, Mo., says: "No one will be disappointed in using One Minute Cough Cure for La Grippe." Pleasant to take, quick to act. Rider & Snyder.

Ordinary household accidents have no terrors when there's a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil in the medicine chest. Instant relief.

NEWS FROM CANTON.

Important Happenings in and About the County Seat.

THE GRAND JURY'S SESSION.

On January 9 the investigations will begin--The Saxton Murder Case will be Disposed of--Massillon Burglary Cases Included in the List.

CANTON, Dec. 31.--The grand jury will begin its session on January 9, when the January term of common pleas court will commence. There are about ten cases to be disposed of and indictments may be returned in cases which will be secretly investigated. Among the most important cases to which the jury will devote its attention are those of Ohio vs. Anna C. George, Ohio vs. Frank Siler and Ohio vs. James Campbell. Anna C. George is charged with the murder of George D. Saxton.

There is much speculation as to the result of the investigation, as the evidence thus far secured is said to be purely circumstantial, and it is almost the general opinion that a true bill will not be found. Frank Siler and James Campbell are Massillon prisoners and both were bound over on the charges of burglary and larceny. Siler was caught by Officer Wittmann in the act of burglarizing S. F. Weller's grocery, and Campbell was arrested by Marshal Mar- ket and Officers Wissmar and Ertle while attempting to gain entrance to Deputy Postmaster Brown's house.

Joshua Groff has been appointed administrator of the estate of Clara Shilling, of Tuscarawas township. A final account has been filed in the estate of Mary Knepper, of Sugarcreek township. In the receivership of Dager & McKinney, of Canton, the receiver has been authorized to settle the claim of the George D. Harter bank. A final account has been filed in the estate of Elizabeth Feather, of Canton.

CANTON, Dec. 29--Application for incorporation was made by the Trump Abstract & Trust Company, of this city, capitalized at \$30,000. The incorporators are Henry A. Trump, Charles L. Oberly, L. A. Loichot, E. S. Raff, C. A. Dougerty and Richard L. Trump. Three hundred shares have been issued at \$100 each, and the object of the corporation is to buy and sell mortgages and bonds, receiving appointments as administrator, guardian, trustee, receiver and other positions of trust, and to do a general business of making and furnishing abstracts of title and guaranteeing title of property situated in Stark county.

A final account has been filed in the estate of George Smith, of Massillon. The second partial account has been filed in the estate of Catharine Poorman, of Tuscarawas township. Inventory and appraisement have been filed in the estate of John G. Freathardt, of Washington township. A final account has been filed in the estate of James Campbell, of Lawrence township. Edward Kirschowsky has been appointed executor of the estate of Michael Kirschowsky, of Canton.

Marriage licenses have been granted to George M. Welch and Almada M. Bixler, of Navarre; George Fonten and Maggie Meiser, of Osnaburg; Fred Duper and Cora Zeigler and Louis F. Hug and Ida Burkhardt, of Canton; August Winkelman and Lucy Meyers, of Louisville, and James McInnes and Ruth Shane, of Pierce.

EX-SHERIFF LEININGER DEAD. Was Well-Known Throughout Stark County.

CANTON, Dec. 30--Dr. Augustus Leininger, of this city, died at 4 o'clock this morning at his home in North Cleveland avenue. Typhoid fever was the direct cause of death. Dr. Leininger was a practicing physician and was known throughout the county. He was a brother of Fire Chief Leininger and leaves a wife and four sons. He served two terms as sheriff of Stark county, prior to the election of Charles Krider to that office, having been first appointed to fill the unexpired term of James Lee, deceased. He has also held the office of coroner. The funeral will be held from St. Peter's church at 8:30 o'clock Monday morning. He was 40 years of age.

A petition for the appointment of a guardian for Catherine Smith, of Tuscarawas township, has been filed. Inventory and appraisement has been filed, and private sale of personal property has been ordered in the assignment of John Karrar, of Canton. Private sale of land has been ordered in the estate of Philip A. Young, of Lawrence township. A commission has been ordered to take depositions of the witnesses to the will of Peter Paul, of Massillon.

A Pastor Surprised.

NORTH LAWRENCE, Dec. 30.--The Rev. R. M. Yoder, of the M. E. church of this place, whose residence is at Canal Fulton, was given a well-planned surprise on Thursday night. During the past three years and more that the Rev. Mr. Yoder has presided at this place the church has been steadily growing in strength and the closest alliance between pastor and members has always existed. While he has not been a resident of our village, every man, woman and child knows him and all admire his sterling qualities and hospitable nature, and so a moonlight hay wagon ride was arranged for by members of the church and their friends, numbering twenty-eight in all. The crowd arrived while the pastor was attending prayer meeting. His wife received the guests with much kindness, after she had recovered from the shock of the sudden gathering at such an hour, and the party was quietly seated when the pastor, with Bible under his arm, appeared and acknowl-

edged the well-planned surprise as gracefully as the occasion would allow. Several recitations were rendered, together with vocal and instrumental music, which made the evening an enjoyable one. The party took with them many good things for the inner man, besides a nice little silver donation for their pastor.

The party consisted of the following: John Hammond and wife, John J. Mosop and wife, Wm. Johnson and wife, Mrs. Andrew Humble, Mrs. Catharine Wolf, Mrs. Lizzie Dixon, Mrs. Mary Ann Williams, the Misses Katie Kaufman, Maggie Johnson, Mrs. Minnie Gracy, Miss Mary Johnson, Miss Emma Wolf, Miss Alice Pollock, Mrs. William Higginbottom, Messrs J. Williams, John Forest, Robert Brown, Fred Hammond, R. A. Pollock, John Adams and wife, Mrs. Mary Ann Morgan and Ed. Shultz.

At 11 o'clock a dainty lap lunch was served, after which the party departed, wishing their beloved pastor and family many years of continued good health and prosperity.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

MRS. ANNA BIGGS.

WEST LEBANON, Dec. 29.--Mrs. Anna Biggs, wife of William Biggs, died at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The funeral services will be held at the house at 1 o'clock Friday, the Rev. Mr. Best, a German Reformed minister of this county, officiating. Mrs. Biggs was 71 years of age, and was raised in Indiana. With her husband she came to West Lebanon eighteen years ago, and this had been her home ever since. Mr. Biggs is a shoemaker, and has a shop in this village.

MRS. CHRISTINA HUMPHREY.

The death of Mrs. Christina Humphrey, aged 21 years, occurred Wednesday. Mrs. Humphrey resided in Lawrence township. She had been ill for some time with dropsy. Funeral services will be held in St. Peter's church, in Canton, on Saturday.

West Brookfield Notes.

WEST BROOKFIELD, Dec. 31.--The public schools will resume work on Monday. The Misses Lela and Mattie McAllister returned on Friday from East Liverpool. Miss Hattie Miller returned from Ada on Saturday afternoon.

CRYSTAL SPRING NEWS.

CRYSTAL SPRING, Dec. 29.--Two more cases of diphtheria have developed in Jackson township. Those afflicted with the disease are children in the families of Mr. and Mrs. John Kiefer, of Crystal Spring, and Mr. and Mrs. David Bracub, at Jackson Center.

Abe Lincoln gave our town an unwelcome call on Wednesday.

Mrs. Joseph Meiner spent Tuesday in Massillon.

ACCEPTED THE CALL.

The Rev. Mr. Ford, of Jefferson, to Preach in Massillon.

The Rev. J. C. Ford, of Jefferson, has accepted a call tendered by the congregation of the First Baptist church, of Massillon. The Rev. Mr. Ford preaches his first sermons, as pastor of the church in this city, on Sunday, and is a man of ability. He will remove his family to Massillon as soon as a suitable house can be secured. Sunday school will be conducted at 9 o'clock, and there will be preaching at 10:15 a. m. and at 7 p. m.

Coughing injures and inflames sore lungs. One Minute Cough Cure loosens the cold, allays coughing and heals quickly. The best cough cure for children. Rider & Snyder.

Many People Cannot Drink coffee at night. It spoils their sleep. You can drink Grain-O when you please and sleep like a top. For Grain-O does not stimulate; it nourishes, cheers and feeds. Yet it looks and tastes like the best coffee. For nervous persons, young people and children Grain-O is the perfect drink. Made from pure grains. Get a package from your grocer today. Try it in place of coffee. 15 and 25c.

These are dangerous times for the health. Croup, colds and throat troubles lead rapidly to consumption. A bottle of One Minute Cough Cure used at the right time will preserve life, health and a large amount of money. Pleasant to take; children like it. Rider & Snyder.

WINE OF CARDUI

For Mothers!

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LOCK OF BABY'S HAIR.

Leads to the Arrest of Henry Myers for Larceny.

HOUSE BURGLARIZED THURSDAY.

Among the Things Taken is a Lock of Hair, and This Causes Mrs. Dolman to Believe That it was Myers Who did the Stealing--Hearing This Afternoon.

Henry Myers, whose arrest was mentioned Friday, was arraigned before Mayor Wise Saturday afternoon, but not on the charge of intoxication on which he was arrested. The officers had reason to believe that he was implicated in the burglary of the West Tremont street residence of Mrs. Bessie Dolman when he was taken into custody, and since then an investigation has been in progress. This resulted in the discovery of most of the property which was stolen, it having been sold to various Massillonians.

The articles were stolen on Thursday night, while Mrs. Dolman was away from home. Entrance was gained by forcing a door. A zither, a rocking chair, a gold ring, a pair of pillow shams, a mantle throw and some dress goods were taken. Some pictures had been torn from their places on the walls and cut to pieces. A lock of a baby's hair, which Mrs. Dolman had carefully laid away when her child was taken from her by the humane society, was also stolen. This is what led Mrs. Dolman to believe that the theft was committed by Myers. The latter at one time boarded at the Dolman residence, and took a great fancy to the child when it was at home. He, Mrs. Dolman says, is the only person who would care anything about this lock of hair. An overcoat which Myers had sold has also been recovered. It is the property of Jacob Myers, the prisoner's father, and was borrowed by the son to wear driving a few days ago.

Mrs. Dolman signed an affidavit charging Myers with grand larceny. Myers tried hard to make the officers believe that he was insane Friday night. He tore his trousers to shreds, dug his finger nails into his flesh and hooted like an owl whenever anyone came near. He also talked of hanging himself with the strips of rags into which he had torn his trousers, but for some reason did not.

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One-gallon can Apples..... 25 cents

Ten bars Lenox Soap..... 25 cents

Ten bars Star Soap..... 25 cents

Ten bars Banner Soap..... 25 cents

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Twelve bars Armour Soap..... 25 cents

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GIRL--A girl for general housework. Address Sam Persay, North Lawrence, O.

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